

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Major Irrigation –Krishna District – Improvements of Budameru Diversion Channel (BDC) to carry 37,555 cusecs- Cancellation of permission accorded to the Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation) for issue of “ NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE” to M/s Active Power Corporation , Hyderabad for establishment of Mini Hydel Scheme across BDC - Orders-Issued.

IRRIGATION & CAD (PW-REFORMS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt. No. 670

Date:29-8-2009

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt No. 532 , I & CAD (Irr.II.2) Dept. Dated: 13-04-1998.
2. G.O.Rt No. 164, I & CAD (Irr.II.2) Dept. Dated: 14-02-1999.
3. CE/ISPP/ Lr. No. DCE/OT1/AE/15/(BDC-1) Dated:09-06-2009
4. ENC (I)Lr.No. ENC(I) / DCE.IV /OT7 /SO.II/6769 /Vol.III dt: 28-07-2009
5. ENC (I)Lr.No. ENC(I) / DCE.IV /OT7 /SO.II/6769 /Vol.III dt: 03-08-2009.
6. Govt. Memo.No. 19607/ Reforms-A2/2009-1, dt : 19-08-2009.
7. ENC (I)Lr.No. ENC(I) / DCE.IV /OT7 /SO.II/6769 /Vol.III dt: 19-08-2009

ORDER:

Budameru drain is one of the Major upland drains of Kolleru basin originating in hill ranges at about 33 km u/s of Velagaleru regulator in Krishna District. The Drain passes through upland area of Vijayawada rural mandal and deltaic portion of Gannavaram, Gudivada Mandal. The Drain joins Kolleru lake in the village limits of Illaparu of Kaikaluru mandal. The total catchment area of Budameru is 1915 Sq.km and catchment area upto Velagaleru regulator is 1321 sq.km and the estimated MFD upto Velagaleru regulator is 24,500 c/s. Because of Inadequate carrying capacity of Budameru , the flood waters inundate large areas causing considerable damage to crops and also affect part of Vijayawada City.

2. Administrative approval for Rs.241.45 Crores was accorded for the work “ Improvements to Budameru Diversion Channel (BDC) in the light of dropping of ISRMC into Budameru Diversion channel for discharging 37,555 cusecs “ into River Krishna including flood flows of Budameru return waters of VTPS vide G.O,Ms.No. 30 Irrigation & CAD (Maj; VII) department dated: 18-02-2009.

3. During the floods in Budameru river, most of the areas of the Vijayawada City gets inundated resulting in loss of life and heavy damage to property and hence the Government has decided to increase the flood diversion capacity of Budameru Diversion Channel to carry 37,555 Cusecs to avoid future inundation.

4. The Chief Engineer, ISP in his letter 3rd read above, has informed that the improvements to BDC are taken up and completed upto VTPS limits and the work beyond VTPS limits and down below could not be taken up due to continuous release of return waters from VTPS and stagnation of water in BDC even though the gates are lifted at the structure across BDC constructed by Active Power Corporation. He has further stated that, the water in BDC could not be drained properly due to the presence of body wall projecting above the existing of Bed level of BDC and unless the structure constructed by Active Power Corporation across BDC is dismantled, the improvements to BDC can not be carried out to ensure free flow of water into River Krishna during floods.

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5. The Engineer-in-Chief (Irri) in the reference 7th read above has reported that, a show cause notice was issued to M/s Active Power Corporation, Hyderabad as to why the "NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE" given by I & CAD shall not be cancelled, so as to dismantle the structures and facilitate improving the capacity of BDC to carry 37,555 cusecs and the firm was requested to send objections if any to the notice within 2 weeks and no reply is received from the firm within the specified time. He has also stated that though total 5 weeks including extended time is over by 17-08-2009 no reply is received from the firm and he has requested to issue orders of cancellation of "NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE".

6 In the circumstances explained by the Engineer-in-Chief (Irrg) in the references from 4th, 5th and 7th read above, and as per condition(5) specified in the G.O.Rt.No. 532 Irrigation & CAD Department dated: 13-04-1998, permission accorded to the Chief Engineer, Major Irrigation now designated as ENC, (Irrg) for issue of "NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE" to M/s Active Power Corporation for the establishment of Mini Hydel scheme of 2 x 700 KW across BDC in the G.Os 1st and 2nd read above is hereby cancelled, so as to undertake improvements to the Budameru Diversion channel to ensure free flow of flood water to protect Vijayawada City and surrounding areas during floods.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation) is requested to take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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TO
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Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER